

WHAT'S THE LATEST FROM ST BEDE'S

Welcome to the first blog of the new school year. What a pleasure it has been to see our fantastic students and staff again after a relaxing summer break. I hope you have all enjoyed precious time together over these last few weeks. I am delighted to say that I am constantly informed of great work being produced in school and fantastic achievements outside of school. Please keep this information coming in, whether you have qualified for a major event or whether you are volunteering to support the local community. I wish you all a happy and successful school year. Let's see what's being going on in and out of school....

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60th anniversary celebrations are a great success

On 20th July, present and past staff, pupils, parents and governors gathered to celebrate the end of 60th anniversary year of St Bede's Catholic High School. A Mass was held in the Cathedral of Christ the King Liverpool. Archbishop Malcolm McMahon was the principal celebrant and Fr Godric Timney OSB delivered a thoughtful homily. The music was beautifully lead by a 100 strong choir of pupils, staff and parents. There was a dramatic and evocative reflection on the parable of the mustard seed, which reflected the school mission statement. The Headteacher Mr Horrocks paid tribute to all those who had been part of the school community over the past 60 years. The deputy mayor of West Lancs was also in attendance.





This celebration followed a yearlong celebration of the life of the school. On the previous Saturday there had been over 200 past pupils, parents and staff attending a enjoyable celebration evening in the school. The evening involved quality entertainment from past and present pupils, including the comedian Jon Culshaw and boxer Tony Bellew.



Wonderful charity work by our school community

Thanks to your generosity we were able to make the following donations;

- £1267 Pearl of Africa Children's Homes,
- £3301 Nugent Care (Lenten Good Shepherd Collection),
- £500 Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage (Christmas disco),
- £342 Jospice (Christmas Carol Service),
- £493 Cafod (Last day of term non-uniform day and films),
- An avalanche of cakes and raffle prizes for the older people's tea party,
- 22 Christmas Hampers for local older people,
- 4 bags of food to Skelmersdale Food Bank.

This was in addition to the donations which you gave towards our 60th Anniversary Celebrations and also to the fundraising of the PFTA.

We are starting this year's fundraising with a foreign currency collection. This will support Cafod's emergency response to the floods in South Asia. Please could you send in any spare foreign coins or notes you may have. These will be collected in at form time.

Thank you again for your generosity in supporting vulnerable people across the world.

The winners of the MFL competition are announced!



Just after we broke up for summer in July, the 2017 Tour de France culminated in the final and most spectacular stage in Paris. Well done to all the cyclists after such a tough three weeks, and very well done to all our competition entrants, who are all now in year 8. The MFL department is pleased to announce the green, white, polka dot and yellow jersey winners of OUR competition (pupil names are underlined) and also of the actual race.



The Yellow Jersey was won by Team Sky Marcus Ryan and Alfie Burns.

The coveted *maillot jaune* is worn throughout the race by the rider who has taken the least cumulative time to complete the race after each stage and thus the overall Tour winner. The official winner this year was Chris Froome.



The Green Jersey was won by Team Sunweb Molly Winters and Paul Parry.

Worn by the leader of the points classification. The *maillot vert* rewards consistently high finishes with points being awarded for intermediate sprint and end-of-stage placings. This year's winner was Michael Matthews.



The Polka dot Jersey was also won by Team Sunweb Molly Winters and Paul Parry again!

The *maillot à pois* is worn by the 'King of the Mountains'. Points are awarded on categorised climbs with the harder ascents offering more points. This year's winner was Warren Barguil.



The White Jersey was won by Team Orica-Scott Harry Temme

The *maillot blanc* has been awarded every year since 1975 and is open to riders aged 25 and under. If a rider is leading any other classification, that jersey takes precedence. This year's winner was Simon Yates.

Bravo everyone! Don't forget to pick up prizes from N3.

International achievements for our sporting stars!

Eoin O'Connor was again selected by the Catholic Sports Federation to represent GB in the FISEC (Fédération Internationale Sportive de l'Enseignement Catholique) Games in Italy 2nd - 8th July 2017. FISEC was created in 1948 and awarded the title of 'Recognised Organisation' by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in 1995. Eoin won a Silver medal in the 100m Freestyle, a Bronze medal in the 100m Butterfly and 4 Silver medals in the relay events.

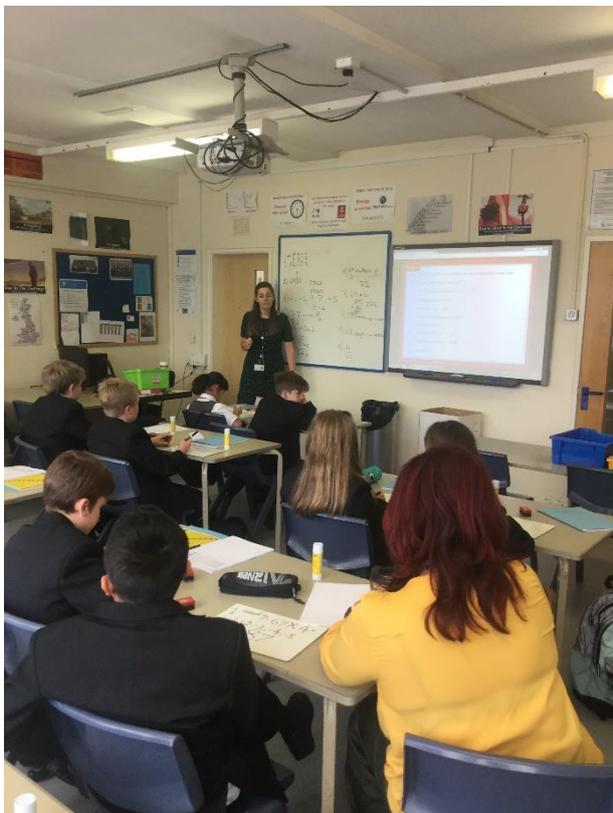


Hollie Farley has also been gained a place on the Great Britain Taekwondo team! Hollie trains extremely hard with training 6 days out of 7 per week. On top of her Taekwondo training Hollie also trains at 5.45am before school and goes to the gym for a strength and condition classes alongside running 12 miles per week. Hollie's training sessions are the same week in week out and they have been for the last 6/8 months. As of this year, Hollie has competed all over the UK in foreign cities e.g. Eindhoven, Rotterdam and Athens. With a lot of hard work Hollie is now undefeated at her age and weight category and the weight category either side within the UK. Due to Hollie's determination hard work and progress Hollie has been selected to represent Great Britain in the Taekwondo European champions in Hungary in October. We are all very proud of Hollie and Eoin. They represent what can be achieved through determination, resilience and hard work.



Y7 students make a great impression from day 1

Our new Y7 students have started life at St Bede's as they mean to go on. We have seen how enthusiastic they all are and how they have taken up every opportunity. In maths lessons teachers commented on their ability and their eagerness to learn. Outside of lessons many have already joined the art club, netball team, football team, choir and many other activities. The pictures below show the range of activities they have been involved in already.



Y7 boys kick-off with a massive victory!

Our Year 7 boys football team showed great promise with an opening 9-1 victory! After a very competitive trials process, the boys selected played fantastically and deserved their resounding victory. Well done to all involved and as ever thank you to our fantastic PE department who give up so much time to make these fixtures happen.



Have you achieved success outside of school? It maybe sport, arts or community work? If you or your children have examples of how St Bede's students are helping our local area/diocese or you have a success story please let us know.

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St Bede's Catholic High School

'St Bede's is an outstanding Catholic High School. The extent to which pupils contribute to the Catholic life of the school is outstanding. Teaching and learning is purposeful, thoroughly prepared, creative, exciting and productive. Pupils show outstanding levels of achievement and attainment due to sustained high standards, motivation and enjoyment, leading to outstanding progress' (Section 48 Inspection March 2017)

'At St Bede's we believe that we are part of God's creative process; providing the opportunity for each individual to flourish in order to serve the Common Good' (Mission Statement)

OPEN EVENING Tuesday 26th September 2017

"Teaching is consistently good. Pupils benefit from their teachers' strong subject knowledge and their effective planning of activities."

"Pupils' behaviour around the school and in lessons is good. Pupils are polite and take pride in their appearance. The large majority are keen to learn, and teachers expect them to work hard."

"School leaders and governors have set a clear vision for the school that promotes pupils' achievement within a calm and supportive community."
(Section 5 Ofsted Inspection October 2015)

Summer 2017 - excellent GCSE results - 77% of pupils achieved 5 or more A* - C grades (including English and Maths grades 9-4)

The evening will start at 6.00pm and finish at 8.30pm. A welcome address will be given by Mr Marston, Chair of Governors Mr Horrocks, Executive Headteacher and Mr Denton, Head of School at 6.05pm and 7.15pm.

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